

**CITY OF LONE OAK**  
**Ordinance No. 004A**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONE OAK, TEXAS  
ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR THE CLEARING AND  
MOWING OF VACANT LOTS WITHIN THE CITY;  
PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A LIEN ON SUCH  
PROPERTIES FOR ACTUAL COSTS INCURRED BY THE  
CITY; MAKING VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS  
CONTAINED HEREIN UNLAWFUL; ESTABLISHING A  
PENALTY PROVISION; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS  
ORDINANCE SHALL BE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT  
IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE AND PUBLICATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONE OAK, TEXAS:  
SECTION 1. Whenever the City Health Officer, or other official of the City designated by the City Council, shall find and determine that any vacant lot or tract of land situated within the corporate limits of the City has been allowed to become hazardous to the health and welfare of the residents of the City by allowing such property to become overgrown with weeds, or by allowing stagnant water to stand upon such property, or by allowing rubbish, garbage, or other material hazardous to health to accumulate upon such property, he shall immediately give notice to the owner of such property of the existence of such condition either by personal notice in writing, by letter addressed to such owner at the post office address known for such owner at the office of the city tax collector, or by notice by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the community, one time, addressed to the owner of such property. If after such notice, either in person, by letter or by publication, such owner fails and refuses to abate such condition within ten (10) days after such notice is complete, then the City may do such work or may cause the same to be done and may pay therefor and charge the expense incurred in doing or having such work done or improvements made to the owner of the property, the expense thereof to be assessed on the real estate, or lot or lots upon which such expense is incurred. In such event the City Secretary shall immediately file with the County Clerk a statement in writing showing the expenditure made, the owner of the property and the legal description of the property upon which such expenditure was made, and the City shall thereafter be entitled to and have a privileged lien thereon, second only to tax liens and liens for street improvements, to secure the expenditures so made and ten (10%) percent interest on the amount from the date of such payment. For any such expenditures, and interest, as aforesaid, a suit may be instituted and foreclosure had in the name of the City; and a statement so made, as aforesaid, or certified copy thereof, shall be prima facie proof of the amount expended in any such work or improvement.

SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any lot within the City to keep and maintain the same in a condition as described in Section 1 hereof, and any person who violates any provision of this Ordinance or fails to comply with any order of this City as hereinabove set out shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be subject to a penalty upon conviction therefor by assessment of a fine in an amount not to exceed TWO HUNDRED (\$200.00) DOLLARS.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and publication.

SIGNED this 17 day of Sept., 1982.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

(s) Lynette Davis

(s) William W. Allen  
MAYOR